

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 10 have been amended to conform to U.S. claiming practice and as required by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered foregoing by any of the amendments. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not substantively addressed the patentability of claims 8 through 10. Prosecution of these claims is respectfully requested.

Turning to the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 through 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, Claims 1 through 7 have been amended to correct the problems noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections have been rendered moot.

The conditional allowance of Claims 1 through 7 is noted with thanks.

Having dealt with all of the rejections by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in the condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional payments or credit any overpayments to our deposit account no. 07-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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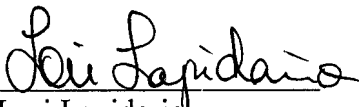


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